

DEFENDANT'S OPPOSITION TO THE PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR STAY OF TRIAL PROCEEDINGS PENDING APPEAL

Defendant Allied Pilots Association opposes plaintiffs' motion for a stay of trial proceedings in this case while plaintiffs pursue their appeal of this Court's interlocutory denial of a preliminary injunction on September 11, 2003. The case has now been extensively briefed in this Court. A stay of this case while the appeal is pending is not in the interests of judicial economy, and indeed, is more likely to lead to a waste of judicial resources for the following reasons:

- 1. First, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals can decide plaintiffs' appeal of an interlocutory order on various grounds, and may not necessarily reach the merits of the case, as plaintiffs suppose.
- 2. Second, for that reason, it is easy to envision a scenario in which the appeal is denied, and the merits still have to be addressed by this Court.
- 3. If the goal is judicial economy, then the better approach is for the plaintiffs to withdraw the appeal, proceed through the limited discovery that the parties have agreed upon, and

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resolve the case by summary judgment. There appear to be no significant disputes of fact. The decision and rationale of the APA Appeal Board is a matter of record. Thereafter, an appeal to the United States Court of Appeals would ensure a resolution on the merits, without the need of two appeals.

Respectfully Submitted,

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